# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3475
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RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE SPEED OF SUPERFAST TRAINS
BHASKAR RAO PATIL;CHARAN DAS MAHANT;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have decided to withdraw restrictions imposed on the speed of superfast trains after major train accident took place at Aurangabad in Bihar last year;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the tracks have been further overhauled and strengthened to maintain speed of superfast trains; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In view of the accident of 2301 UP Howrah-NewDelhi Rajdhani Express on 09.09.2002, a temporary speed restriction of 75 Km/h had been imposed during night time on Dhanbad, Mughalsarai and Danapur Divisions of EastCentral Railway and on Madhupur-Jhajha section of Eastern railway as a precautionary measure on security considerations, as a result of which, the punctuality of some trains including Rajdhani Expresses were affected. However, the temporary speed restriction of 75 Km/h has been withdrawn with effect from 21.2.2003 on all sections except Koderma-Dehri-On-Sone sectionof East Central Railway, where there isneed for extra vigilance.

(c) & (d): Repairs and maintenance of Railway track is an on- going process. Maintenance works are carried out regularly depending on the need with a view to maintain speed of all trains including Superfast trains.